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NONE OF THEM DARE QUIT

The latest story from Berlin is to the effect that the Germans have an idea that the Allied attack along the western front will fail and that when England finds it is useless to attempt to break through the German defenses that she will begin negotiations for peace. This is a hopeful view of the situation, but one not justified by the circumstances. The English and French, when the Teutons attacked Verdun, said the same thing: "When Germany finds she cannot pass Verdun she will realize the hopelessness of her condition and begin negotiations for peace." So far, while Germany has probably lost hope of accomplishing anything at Verdun, she has not begun negotiations for peace. She keeps hammering away at the Verdun defenses, simply because she has to keep fighting, and the scrapping in that section is as good as anywhere else. Germany has to keep fighting just as the others do. If any of them quit for any great length of time their people would begin to think of peace rather than war, and none of the powers dare permit this at this time. Once the people get over their war madness and begin to consider peace at all, the end of the war is not far away. That is one reason the kaiser keeps his armies busy at Verdun. It was what Grant did at Vicksburg, ordering charges such as that on the 22nd of May, '63, for instance; which he said could accomplish nothing, except to "quiet the clamor in the north." The fighting at Verdun is of this class. It is being done for home consumption, and can accomplish nothing except to quiet the clamor at home. It is quite probable those at the head of the warring nations all have a sufficiency of fighting, and would quit if they could; but each fears the settlement unless it is made with his side victorious and in a measure dictating terms.

Rearranging of boundaries and the possibility of indemnities scare them all out. As a matter of fact the indemnity question it would seem, is almost eliminated now, for none of the belligerents could "come through." When they get their war debts in the way of having their interest paid and even a small sum set aside for reducing the principal, all the warring countries will have about all the financial burden they can carry without added payments for indemnity. All the armed "litigants" have spent their fortunes for court costs and lawyer fees, so to speak, and any judgment returned can be beaten by the loser on execution, that is the winner can find no property on which to levy. This being the case it looks as though the war would go on until one side or the other is exhausted.

The dispatches sapiently state that the old standpatters Bois Penrose, Murray Crane and that aggregation, have shown no dissatisfaction with the appointing of six progressives on the national committee. Why should they care? The appointment leaves them with nine, a good working majority, and the naming of the progressives is simply "a sop to cerberus," to keep the dog quiet. The six will have nothing whatever to say unless they say what Bois Penrose and the old gang want them to say. As for them having any objection to associating and working with the prodigals that is a decided joke. That old political gang would associate with the devil if his Satanic excellency would stand for it, and be proud of the opportunity, unless moved by jealousy to be sore over his superior methods acquired by longer but not any more disreputable practice. Politically, the description given by Cicero of the friends and associates of Cataline, would fit the old standpat leaders like a kid glove. They were not raised pets, their folks don't care whom they associate with, and their pride will not make them draw the line at anything that is passed them for associates so long as they can do the manipulating with a free hand.

John D. Rockefeller is free with advice about acquiring good health, for the stock cannot be corralled—but he is chary about making suggestions about gathering the coin, he wants a monopoly there. Besides it might not redound to his credit to let the public know how he got his millions.

"Started the fire with coal oil." That was the cause of the blaze last night that destroyed the Comstock residence, and the paintings and household effects of Artist C. L. St. Clair. Ever since the use of coal oil began it has been the cause of fires and the total losses from this cause would run into the billions. Warnings numberless have been issued against pouring coal oil on a fire to "hurry it up," but they have gone into heedless ears, just as the property of those same heedless ones has gone up in smoke. There is no use drawing attention to it or repeating warnings for they will fall on deaf ears. Americans are always in a hurry, and this applies to getting kitchen fires underway, as well as getting somewhere in an auto. In the former case it is generally only property endangered, in the latter life. This however makes no difference and autoists race with death as recklessly as some folks handle coal oil.

The Orpet case will end tomorrow, so far as the attorneys are concerned, for Special Prosecutor Joslyn will make the closing argument sometime during that day and the case will go to the jury. The prosecution is very weak in some points, and while it is proverbial that "you never can tell what a jury will do," it does not seem probable that a conviction will be secured. The one strong point in the prosecution is that showing that Orpet after, as he claimed, the girl had killed herself, instead of notifying the authorities or telling anyone about it, went to a moving picture show. As one of the state's attorneys pointed out, this looks more like the act of a cold-blooded murderer than that of an innocent person.

Americans are as quick to imitate as they are to create. The successful trip of the big under-sea freighter, and the enormous profits derived from her cargo of dye stuffs has stirred the American money grabber, and already a corporation is being formed to build a line of big undersea freighters that will be used as blockade runners, and supply Germany with much needed food stuffs and material for war munitions.

A late government report shows there are eight billion cigars smoked in this country yearly. If they were all five-centers the amount of money the Americans had to burn, and burned, would be four hundred million dollars. Add to this the cost of tobacco to pipe and cigarette smokers and my Lady Nicotine is a close rival of John Barleycorn and his Highness King Booze as a money burner.

About the worst thing that can be said about Mr. Hughes is that he is friendly with Theodore Roosevelt. That is however only a matter of taste, but some men would hesitate long before taking up with one who so cold bloodedly betrayed his political friends as did Mr. Roosevelt.



CAMPAIGN TALK

Of course it is a great temptation, to talk of Wilson and of Hughes, and rant around, like all creation, o'er every bit of campaign nughes. I find myself at times a-standing, indulging in the talksmith's job, and frothing at the mouth and handing forensic trimmings to the mob. But yesterday I stood and yammered in old Jim Bickle's blacksmith shop; this candidate and that I hammered, until Jim's eyes began to pop. And well I knew, while I stood throwing assorted language through my face, I should be home, and busy hoeing, or fixing fences on the place. With righteous scorn the women viewed me, when I returned to home and farm, and from the cottage door they shooed me, and said I was a false alarm. My wife had pumped eight tubs of water, to wash the duds and scrub the floors, and Ysobel, my flossy daughter, was sawing cordwood out of doors. Ten billion flies are needing swattin', ten billion microbes should be boiled; yet man, his duties all forgotten, o'er campaign foolishness is roiled.

WILL TELL HUGHES OF IT IN CARNEGIE HALL

New York, July 13.—Charles Evans Hughes will be told that he is the republican candidate for president on July 31, at eight p. m. in Carnegie Hall, New York city. Selection of this date for the perfunctory notification ceremony was announced today by senator Warren G. Harding, chairman of the notification committee, following a conference with Hughes and Chairman Willcox.

"There will be invited to be present at the notification ceremony members of the republican national convention, heads of the republican organizations throughout the various states, progressive national committeemen and republican governors and members of congress," said Senator Harding.

"The notification ceremony will be followed by a reception, given by Mr. Hughes at the Hotel Astor to the invited guests.

"Others who will be invited will be prominent members of the progressive party."

Harding was asked whether Roosevelt would be present.

"I can certainly say, as chairman of the notification committee," he replied, "that the colonel will be welcome. He certainly will be asked to attend, as will former President Taft."

United States Marines Clean Up Santo Domingo

Washington, July 13.—Living up to its reputation as the greatest single factor for peace in America, the United States Marine Corps, with the loss of a few men killed and wounded, has quietly and effectively quelled the latest revolt in Santo Domingo, and, without time lost in undue parley has forced the rebel co-leaders to lay down their arms and return to peaceful pursuits, according to late advices from Monte Christi.

United States marines now control the entire island on which Haiti and Santo Domingo are situated, and that control was gained without serious fighting or great loss of life it is claimed, because of the thorough preparedness of the marines for the business at hand and their knowledge of the people and their ways.

2000 REBELS QUIT

Mexico City, July 12.—The Cedillo brothers, heading a band of 2,000 rebels in the state of San Luis Potosi, unconditionally surrendered to the government with their followers today.

No more rebels are now operating in San Luis Potosi.

President Sproule Appeals to Railroad Employees

In a direct appeal, president William Sproule of the Southern Pacific, calls upon the 52,500 employees of the company to seriously consider the present agitation and threatened strike over the demands of the four brotherhoods of trainmen and engineers in the United States for an increase wages.

The appeal says:

"An appeal by the Southern Pacific company (Pacific System) to its 52,500 employees:

"Thirteen and one half per cent of your number—the engineers, conductors, firemen, trainmen and switchmen—are being asked for a strike.

"This company is not responsible for the present agitation and has no desire to change the existing rates of pay or working conditions, unless forced to do so in the adjustment of demands originated by representatives of the men in engine, train and switching service.

"No just reason for thus interrupting the service exists. The railroads have offered to arbitrate every question raised by the demands which have been presented.

"The representatives of the men, however, rejected this offer and have issued strike ballots.

"The management earnestly hopes:

"1. That the men will seriously consider their position, their pensions, their transportation privileges and the welfare of their families.

"2. That the men receiving ballots will vote against a strike.

"3. That all other employees will use their influence to that end.

"The management favors the settlement by arbitration of all the questions in dispute.

"Such a course will preserve to each of you unbroken earning power; to the public, uninterrupted service, and to the railroad, continuance of earnings by which alone it can perform its public duties." Wm. Sproule, President.

Grazing Trespass Case Closed by Plea

Portland, Or., July 12.—Barney Parks of Harney, Oregon, indicted for willful grazing trespass upon the Malheur National forest, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 by the United States court on June 19. Parks paid his fine and the case is closed.

Charge was in charge of sheep going to their allotted range, and instead of following the recently established driveway, trailed them across the allotted cattle range of other stock owners, consuming four or five days in crossing and using about \$100 worth of forage on the cattle men's allotment. Instead of holding the sheep owner, who had no part in the action, responsible for the willful feature of the case, the government brought trespass charges against the caretaker with the result mentioned above. This is the second case in which an employee has been held responsible for a trespass of this sort in Oregon. It is believed that this court decision, fixing the responsibility upon the man in charge of the stock will stimulate the employees to comply with regulations and instructions when handling stock on national forest range.

In the past, when herders or others in charge of stock have refused to observe the regulations and trespassed upon range allotted to another stockman, the owner of the stock was held entirely responsible. The government has now adopted the plan of segregating such cases and criminally prosecuting the man in charge of the stock when he acts on his own authority and willfully violates the grazing regulations.

The government undertakes to give the grazing permittees quiet possession of the range allotted to them for the use of their stock, and the action in this case was necessary for the protection of the cattle men whose allotted range was trespassed upon by the sheep.

Salt Does Not Keep It From Smelling

If salt in carload lots can be shipped from San Francisco or Salt Lake to eastern Oregon points for less than it can be shipped from Portland to the same points, something is radically wrong, believes the state public service commission. To find out what the trouble may be the commission has fixed August 15 as the date for hearing the matter.

Seven railroads doing business in this state will be represented at the hearing to be held in Portland at which time the rates and charges made for transporting salt will be gone into.

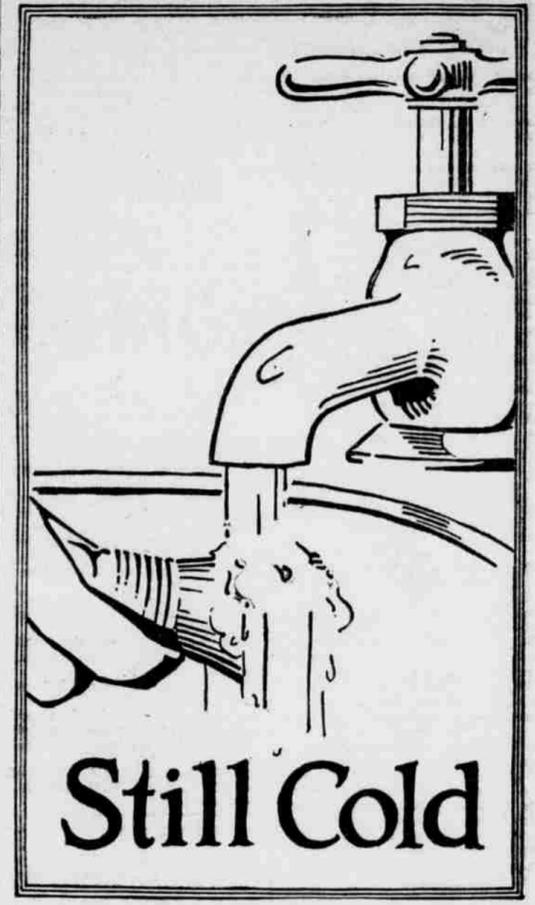
The rate charged from Portland to Baker is 29 cents a hundred pounds to LaGrande 28 cents and to Peggleton 22 1-2 cents with other points in proportion. This is for a minimum shipment of 40,000 pounds. San Francisco sends salt to eastern Oregon points for 35 cents and salt Lake for from 35 1-2 to 40 cents.

Large quantities of coarse salt are required by sheepmen and cattle men in that section of the state. Frequently the salt is brought to Portland as ballast in ships. The cost of transportation to eastern Oregon is such that ranchers find it cheaper to purchase in California or Utah than to buy in Portland. This of course redounds to the disadvantage of Oregon industry. The inquiry was instituted by the commission on its own motion.

HUNDREDS SAW HIM DROWN

Chicago, July 13.—While hundreds of bathers at the new Clarendon beach looked on, Leon Hewes, aged 21, a student at the Chicago college of osteopathy was drowned today. He was seized with cramps.

Estimates today indicated at least 50,000 Chicagoans took advantage of night and today of the dozens of beaches along the lake front.



Recognize Oregon As Leader In Education

Recognition of Oregon as a leader in improved educational methods, is declared common in the east, according to J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, who is back at his desk today after a three weeks' trip east, during which he attended the annual conference of the National Education association.

"The Oregon high school law is receiving special attention at this time," declared Mr. Churchill. "Commendation is heard on all sides and, I believe, is justly deserved for the law opens the high schools of the state to every boy and girl alike. The law has been described as the most constructive piece of legislation concerning secondary schools enacted by any state."

The standardization of rural schools also is meeting with favor in other parts of the country.

During his sojourn in the east Superintendent Churchill visited the schools in Gary, Indiana, and other cities to compare advanced methods employed there with those in vogue throughout Oregon.

MAY SUCCEED HUGHES

Washington, July 12.—It was indicated at the White House today that district judge John H. Clarke, of Cleveland, may be President Wilson's choice as associate justice of the United States supreme court today to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles E. Hughes.

Sale of National Forest Timber Closed

Portland, Or., July 13.—The district forester, Portland, Oregon, has just received bids for approximately 8,725,000 feet of timber on the Wenatchee National forest in central Washington, and has awarded the sale to W. G. Morris of Chelan, Wash.

The timber is situated on an area of about 465 acres in Sec. 12, T. 21, N., R. 19 E. W. M., on the Squilchuck Creek watershed, and consists of 8,085,000 feet b. m. of western yellow pine, 150,000 feet b. m. of Douglas fir and 190,000 feet b. m. of western larch saw timber. The purchaser will be given until December 31, 1920, in which to cut and remove the timber.

The stumpage prices paid by the successful bidder are \$2.00 per M. feet for the western yellow pine, and \$1.00 per M. feet for the Douglas fir and western larch.

RECALL COMMISSIONER

A call has been issued by the committee appointed by the Polk County Taxpayers' league to promote the recall against Commissioner Beckett for a meeting at the court house on Saturday of next week, the purpose of which is to nominate a successor to the commissioner when the recall petitions shall have been sufficiently signed and filed with the proper authorities. Those in charge of circulating the petition hope to have the requisite number of names thereto prior to that date.—Dallas Observer.

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